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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b) and after further facts coming to the attention of the undersigned, Applicants bring to the attention that the statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on August 17, 2004 was improper in that the references were previously cited in an International Search Report from a PCT counterpart of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants hereby file an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and an RCE to remedy this inadvertent error.

A concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents listed may be ascertained from the English-language translation of their Abstract and, the figures respectively therein, and the PCT International Search Report citing these references.

Copis of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

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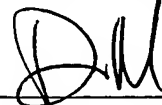
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Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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